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1. TOULOUSE-BASED COMMITTEE FOR SUPPORT OF CONCORDE
ADDRESSED TELEGRAM ON DEC. 16 TO SECRETARY KISSINGER
CARE OF EMBASSY. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR VISIT TO PARIS
THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT OF CONCORDE HAS THE HONOR
TO SOLICIT YOUR FIRM SUPPORT APROPOS OF THE UNFORTUNATE
QUARREL WHICH CERTAIN WELL-KNOWN AMERICANS (PERSON-
NALITES AMERICAINES) AND PART OF THE US PRESS HAVE
GENERATED OVER THE FRANCO-BRITISH SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT
CONCORDE, WHICH IS A EUROPEAN REALIZATION THAT HAS
ALREADY DEMONSTRATED ITS TECHNICAL SUCCESS. REFUSAL
OF THE APPLICATION FOR CONCORDE LANDINGS IN THE USA
WOULD BE CONSIDERED A SERIOUS REVERSAL BY THE COUNTRIES
THAT HAVE BUILT AND WILL OPERATE THE AIRCRAFT, FOR
THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT A FRIENDLY
COUNTRY THAT IS AT THE PINNACLE OF TECHNOLOGICAL
PROGRESS COULD NOW REJECT CONCORDE. MOREOVER, SUCH A
REFUSAL WOULD RISK ALTERING FRANCO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP
AND REINFORCING PROTECTIONIST ELEMENTS WHICH IN THE
CURRENT ECONOMIC CONTEXT ARE ONLY SEEKING EXCUSES TO
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DEVELOP ALL THE MORE. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.) UNQUOTE.

2. AFP ON DEC. 18 UNDER TOULOUSE DATELINE REPORTED
ABOVE TELEGRAM AND QUOTED FROM TEXT. WE HAD CONTEM-
PLATED SENDING ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM AMBASSADOR ON
SECRETARY'S BEHALF, BUT IN LIGHT OF WIRE SERVICE
REPORTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON DEC. 18 VOTED SIX
MONTH BAN ON CONCORDE WE HAVE DECIDED UNDER THE CIRCUM-
STANCES THAT SILENCE WOULD BE THE WISER COURSE. WE
THEREFORE DO NOT INTEND REPLY TO MESSAGE.
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